

News from the Bay County Executive

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Board Meetings for April 2010



April 6 - Ways & Means

April 13 - Board of Commissioners

April 20 - Personnel/Judicial & Human Services

* All meetings start at 4:00PM in the Board Chambers on the 4th floor of the Bay County Building.

Greetings from Tom Hickner

As your County Executive, I want to keep you up-to-date and informed on the latest developments within our communities. This newsletter is to serve as an informational tool to communicate to Bay County residents the activities taking place within your county government.



Energy Efficiency Grant Awarded to Bay County



Two state-funded grants totaling nearly \$590,000 were awarded to Bay County for the purpose of developing a more energy efficient area. The projects funded by the grant will lower annual county costs as well as lower Green House Gas emissions.

Numerous projects are being funded by the grant. The development of a Regional Energy Efficiency Strategy (Bay City, Midland, and Saginaw) will identify energy efficient activities for the municipal, commercial, industrial, and transportation sectors to implement.

Other projects will include installation of LED lighting countywide, a vertical axis wind turbine at the Civic Arena, a horizontal axis wind turbine at the Juvenile Home, and installation of proposed energy efficient chillers.

ARRA Grant Funds Residential Renovation

Center Ridge Arms has already started replacing 100 of their 26 year old sliding glass patio doors as part of a \$140,362 grant received in ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funding.

ARRA funding is part of the federal stimulus package to help create and save jobs and prompt economic activity. ARRA requires purchases through the funding to buy only American made products and services.

The County Housing Department hopes to have all doors replaced by September, in addition to replacing five residents' refrigerators with energy efficient models.





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[Click here for more information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#)

Citizens Encouraged to Participate in 2010 Census

County Executive Tom Hickner is encouraging Bay County residents to participate in the 2010 census to achieve a complete and accurate count of the U.S. population.

"County participation in the 2010 census is important. It will serve as the basis for the allocation of funding for many state and federal programs. We need to make sure every resident is counted," said Tom Hickner.

The data retrieved from the census guides decisions on where to build new roads, hospitals, child-care and senior centers, schools, and more. It also determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Census forms were mailed and delivered in March 2010, and households should complete the form and mail it upon receiving. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take a count in person. Information shared with the Census Bureau is completely confidential.

[Click here for more information on the 2010 Census](#)

Smoke-Free Law in Effect May 1, 2010

As of May 1, 2010, all workplaces, bars, and restaurants in Michigan will be smoke-free. Compliance with the law is the responsibility of the owner, manager, or other person in charge of the establishment. Local health departments are also responsible for the enforcement of the smoke-free law.

The Bay County Health Department will be holding free public informational sessions regarding the smoke-free law in April.

Informational sessions will be held at the following locations/times. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes.

Pinconning Library

April 7, 2010 at 6:30pm

Auburn Library

April 8, 2010 at 6:30pm

Sage Library

April 13, 2010 at 2:30pm

Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library

April 16, 2010 at 9:00am, 11:am, 1:30pm, and 3:30pm

Adult Vaccination Program Provided by ARRA

The Bay County Health Department is pleased to announce the expansion of their adult vaccine program for adults 19 years of age

and older who are either without health insurance coverage or their health insurance does not cover immunizations.

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) the State of Michigan is able to offer local health departments several vaccines for adults meeting the above criteria. The following vaccines are being offered by the Bay County Health Department as part of this program:

- HPV (Gardasil) for women 19-26 years of age
- Pneumonia vaccine
- Td/Tdap
- MMR
- Hepatitis A
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Hepatitis B
- Zostavax (shingles) for adults 60-64 years of age - **NOTE:** must bring in a prescription for Zostavax

ARRA adult vaccination clinics will be held on Fridays 8:15am-11:00am and 1:15pm-4:00pm **by appointment only** at the Bay County Health Department located at 1200 Washington Avenue in Bay City while supplies last. **An administration fee of \$14.25 will be charged for each injection.** The health department accepts cash or checks. Credit cards/debit cards are *not* accepted at this time.

[Click here for additional information](#) or to schedule an appointment call (989)895-4009, #1

Sincerely,

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